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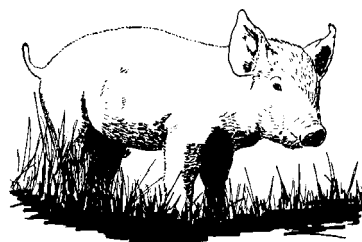
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## HOGS

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The inventory of all hogs and pigs in Maryland was estimated at 52,000 head for December 1, 2001. This is down 10% from 2000, but closer to the 1999 inventory of 55,000 hogs and pigs. The drop occurred in hogs being raised for market, which declined from 51,000 hogs in 2000 to 45,000 hogs in 2001. The breeding inventory of 7,000 head remained unchanged from 2000, as did the number of operations with hogs. Maryland currently has 520 hog operations.



Hogs and Pigs, December 1, 2000 and 2001

| Item                               | DELAWARE                 |      | MARYLAND |      | UNITED STATES |        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|----------|------|---------------|--------|
|                                    | -----Thousand Head-----  |      |          |      |               |        |
|                                    | 2000                     | 2001 | 2000     | 2001 | 2000          | 2001   |
| Breeding Inventory                 | 5                        | 5    | 7        | 7    | 6,270         | 6,209  |
| Market-Under 60 lbs                | 10                       | 8    | 11       | 14   | 19,421        | 19,304 |
| 60-119 lbs                         | 7                        | 6    | 11       | 7    | 12,933        | 12,750 |
| 120-179 lbs                        | 3                        | 3    | 13       | 12   | 10,846        | 10,792 |
| 180 lbs & over                     | 4                        | 4    | 16       | 12   | 9,669         | 9,718  |
| Total Market                       | 24                       | 21   | 51       | 45   | 52,868        | 52,564 |
| Total All Hogs                     | 29                       | 26   | 58       | 52   | 59,138        | 58,774 |
|                                    | -----Actual Numbers----- |      |          |      |               |        |
| No. Of Hog Operations <sup>1</sup> | 130                      | 130  | 520      | 520  | 86,360        | 81,130 |

<sup>1</sup> An operation is any place having one or more head of hogs and pigs on hand at any time during the year.

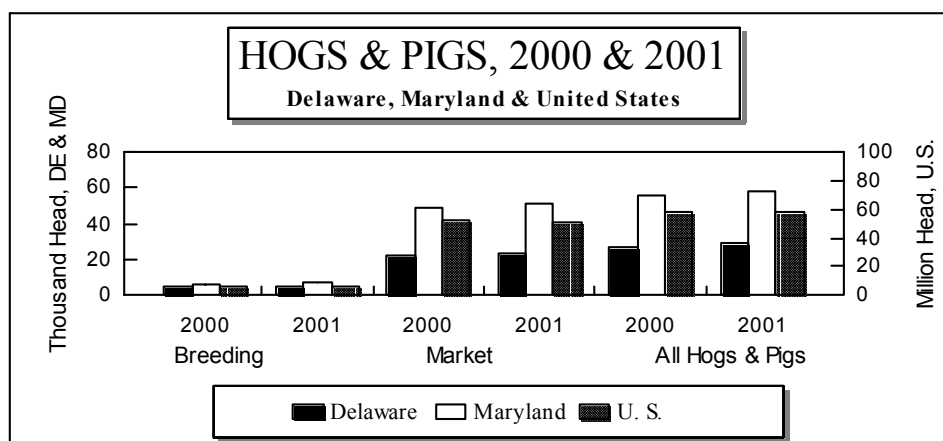
## U.S. HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2001, was 58.8 million head. This was 1 percent below December 2000, and slightly below September 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2000, but up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.6 million head, was 1 percent below both last year and last quarter. The September-November 2001 U.S. pig crop, at 25.0 million head, was 1 percent less than 2000, but 1 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, slightly above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter of 8.78 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2001 period, compared to 8.85 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs. U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the December 2001-February 2002 quarter, 3

percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001, and 2 percent above 2000. Intended farrowings for March-May 2002, at 2.90 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2001 and up 1 percent from 2000. The number of hog operations with hogs totaled 81,130 during 2001 during 2000, down 6 percent from last year and 18 percent below 1999. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 9 percent of the operations and 75 percent of the inventory. This is the sixth time operations with inventories over 2,000 head have controlled over 50 percent of the total inventory. The number of operations with over 5,000 head of inventory at, 2,204, accounted for 52.5 percent of the total inventory, up from 50.5 percent a year ago. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by these over 5,000 head operations, but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 30 percent last year.

| United States                          | Sows Farrowed, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop United States 2000-2001 |       |                 |      |                       |        |
|--|---|-------|-----------------|------|-----------------------|--------|
|  | Sows  |       | Pigs Per Litter |      | Pig Crop              |        |
|  | 2000<br>Thousand Head   | 2001  | 2000<br>Number  | 2001 | 2000<br>Thousand Head | 2001   |
| <b>December -February <sup>1</sup></b> | 2,798   | 2,748 | 8.76            | 8.72 | 24,522                | 23,963 |
| <b>March - May</b>                     | 2,885   | 2,870 | 8.86            | 8.89 | 25,565                | 25,509 |
| <b>June - August</b>                   | 2,889   | 2,838 | 8.84            | 8.82 | 25,548                | 25,029 |
| <b>September - November</b>            | 2,838   | 2,846 | 8.85            | 8.78 | 25,112                | 24,972 |

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.



## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received for the month of December were up for all crops. The wheat price increased five cents to \$2.64 per bushel. The barley price was up eight cents to a price of \$1.42 per bushel. Soybeans moved up six cents per bushel from last month's price of \$4.03 and corn was up sixteen cents to \$2.19 per bushel. On the

other hand livestock prices appeared to be mixed. Calf prices were up \$3.40 to \$86.60 per cwt but beef cattle had a ten cent decrease to \$62.90 per cwt. Hog prices decreased to \$33.00 per cwt.

| Commodity             | Unit | Maryland and Delaware |          |          | United States |          |                       | Parity Price |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                       |      | DEC 2000              | NOV 2001 | DEC 2001 | DEC 2000      | NOV 2001 | DEC 2001 <sup>1</sup> |              |
|                       |      | Dollars               |          |          |               |          |                       |              |
| Wheat, Winter         | BU   | 2.17                  | 2.59     | 2.64     | 2.76          | 2.81     | 2.84                  | 9.58         |
| Corn                  | BU   | 1.99                  | 2.03     | 2.19     | 1.97          | 1.85     | 1.92                  | 6.54         |
| Oats                  | BU   | 1.58                  | 1.75     | 2.00     | 1.14          | 1.82     | 1.77                  | 3.74         |
| Barley                | BU   | 1.38                  | 1.34     | 1.42     | 2.22          | 2.31     | 2.19                  | 6.39         |
| Soybeans              | BU   | 4.65                  | 4.03     | 4.09     | 4.78          | 4.16     | 4.13                  | 14.20        |
| All Hay, Baled        | TON  | 114.00                | 138.00   | 141.00   | 84.90         | 97.10    | 93.70                 | -----        |
| All Beef Cattle       | CWT  | 71.80                 | 63.00    | 62.90    | 71.90         | 63.90    | 64.20                 | 157.00       |
| Calves                | CWT  | 80.60                 | 83.20    | 86.60    | 106.00        | 96.40    | 100.00                | 207.00       |
| Hogs                  | CWT  | 38.30                 | 35.30    | 33.00    | 39.80         | 35.00    | 33.60                 | 102.00       |
| Milk, Fluid MKT       | CWT  | 14.40                 | 16.80    | 16.30    | 13.10         | 14.50    | 13.60                 | 31.90        |
| Chickens <sup>1</sup> | LB   | 0.060                 | 0.082    | 0.085    | -----         | ---      | -----                 | -----        |
| Broilers              | LB   | 0.320                 | 0.350    | 0.325    | 0.350         | 0.390    | 0.370                 | -----        |
| Turkeys, Live         | LB   | ----                  | ----     | ----     | 0.405         | 0.443    | 0.385                 | 0.951        |
| Eggs, Market          | DOZ  | 0.774                 | 0.556    | 0.502    | 0.694         | 0.485    | 0.410                 | 1.540        |

<sup>1</sup> Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price.

| INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED             |                              |           |          |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| INDEX AND RATIOS                     | UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100 |           |          |
|                                      | DEC 2000                     | NOV 2001* | DEC 2001 |
| All Farm Products                    | 99                           | 93        | 93       |
| All Crops                            | 97                           | 88        | 91       |
| Feed Grain & Hay                     | 90                           | 86        | 90       |
| Oil- Bearing Crops                   | 88                           | 77        | 76       |
| Fruits & Nuts                        | 76                           | *108      | 92       |
| All Livestock and Livestock Products | 101                          | *99       | 96       |
| Meat Animals                         | 95                           | *86       | 84       |
| Dairy Products                       | 100                          | *110      | 104      |
| Poultry and Eggs                     | 114                          | 117       | 109      |
| Ratio 1/                             | 81                           | 76        | 76       |
| Prices Paid Index                    | 122                          | 122       | 122      |

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## CHICKENS AND EGGS

Maryland laying flocks produced 78 million eggs during November 2001, of which 72 million were table eggs and 6 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 80.4%. The average number of layers on hand

during November 2001 was 3,236,000. On December 1, 2001, no layers were being forced molted and 40.0% of all layers in Maryland had been through a molt.

| Eggs and Layers: November 2000-2001           |                    |         |                |
|---|--------------------|---------|----------------|
| Item  | 2000               | 2001    | 2001/2000      |
| <b>Eggs Produced During November</b>          | -----Million-----  |         | <b>Percent</b> |
| U.S.  | 7,027              | 7,173   | 102            |
| Maryland                                      | 68                 | 78      | 115            |
| <b>Layers, Average Number During November</b> | -----Thousand----- |         |                |
| U.S.  | 330,678            | 337,113 | 102            |
| Maryland                                      | 3,327              | 3,236   | 97             |
| <b>Eggs / 100 Layers During November</b>      | -----Number-----   |         |                |
| U.S.  | 2,125              | 2,128   | 100            |
| Maryland                                      | 2,044              | 2,410   | 118            |

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